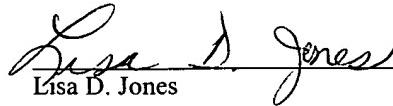


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AMENDMENT FOR PURPOSES OF APPEAL (Appendix B)

Sir:

Following the Notice of Appeal filed on July 26, 2004, Appellant/Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments contained herein prior to jurisdiction passing the Board.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.